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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion on Oscar Sierra Systems and Life Support (Suits)

1. The meeting was held in [redacted] office on 22 November 25X1A
1967. Those in attendance were:

25X1A [redacted] - CIA
- NRO
Col. Erkelens - Air Force 25X1A
25X1A [redacted] - O/DD&T

2. The discussion started with a review of a recent TWX [redacted] 3-33). Point under discussion was how many Oscar Sierra's will be needed. They
25X1A currently have approved 14 and [redacted] was trying to get a feel for definitely how many were required, i.e., 18, 20 or 22.

3. In the discussion, it was generally agreed that if we had close coordination between SAC and us and could develop a "common pot", we could
25X1A live with less systems than if both went independent. [redacted] 25X1A
[redacted] and Col. Erkelens all agreed to this point. However, it was pointed out by Col. Erkelens that although [redacted] is interested in keeping 25X1A
things common, it is sometimes difficult to do. An example was given;
25X1C [redacted] will want something special, so CIA will have a crash program and then, we are no longer common.

25X1A 4. [redacted] stated that in his estimation, 20 systems would be
25X1A needed. Originally CIA asked for 14 and SAC asked for 8; however, [redacted] 25X1A
[redacted] and Col. Erkelens agreed that if they combined requirements, 20

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would suffice. [redacted] stated that the breakdown would be approximately as follows:

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5 for [redacted]
6 for
3 for
3 for
3 for repair cycle

It was pointed out that these systems are not based on the number of airplanes but on the number of locations.

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5. [redacted] then asked for amount of funds needed for 20 systems and [redacted] stated that he was unable to give him the figures at this time as he would have to go to the contractor. [redacted] said he would like an estimate for 18, 20 and 22 systems broken down between Mark II and Mark III's and spares. [redacted] kept insisting that he would not like to give a figure based on 18 since it would not meet their requirements but [redacted] was insistent on an 18 breakdown. The discussion on this topic ended by [redacted] stating he would try to get this information as soon as possible.

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6. The second item for discussion was the pending approval item involving the number of pressure suits. There was previous discussion were held on the Agency requirements of two suits per pilot vs the SAC requirement of 1.7 suits. [redacted] stated that now SAC has a new approach.

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This new approach of SAC's is that they are recommending "two complete pressure suits but with interchangeable hardware, i.e., headpiece etc."

[redacted] stated that his people have reviewed this new approach but are not in agreement with it. He stated that there are many technical points such as the neck ring, that would not make this theory feasible.

25X1A 7. After considerable discussion which apparently was getting no results or concessions from [redacted] viewpoint, it was agreed with the group that probably the only solution to this is to have a general meeting with the people concerned and especially with the two experts, [redacted] Col. Erkeletis and [redacted] agreed that this approach is probably the only solution. A meeting would be arranged in the near future.

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